

# **Public Safety Interoperable Communications Office (PSIC) Report**

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# Transition

The transition of the PSCC from DPS to GITA has been finalized:

- Transferred all physical, documentary and intellectual property assets
- Reconciled outstanding contracts and obligations
- Identified and transferred multiple funds
- Resolved over 50 transition issues

Any Questions?

# New Office Established

**Public Safety Interoperable  
Communications Office (PSIC)  
GITA**

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*Note: All PSCC related documents & communications  
will be promptly posted on this web site*





# GITA's Mission



Public Policy

Strategic Planning

Innovation

Technology



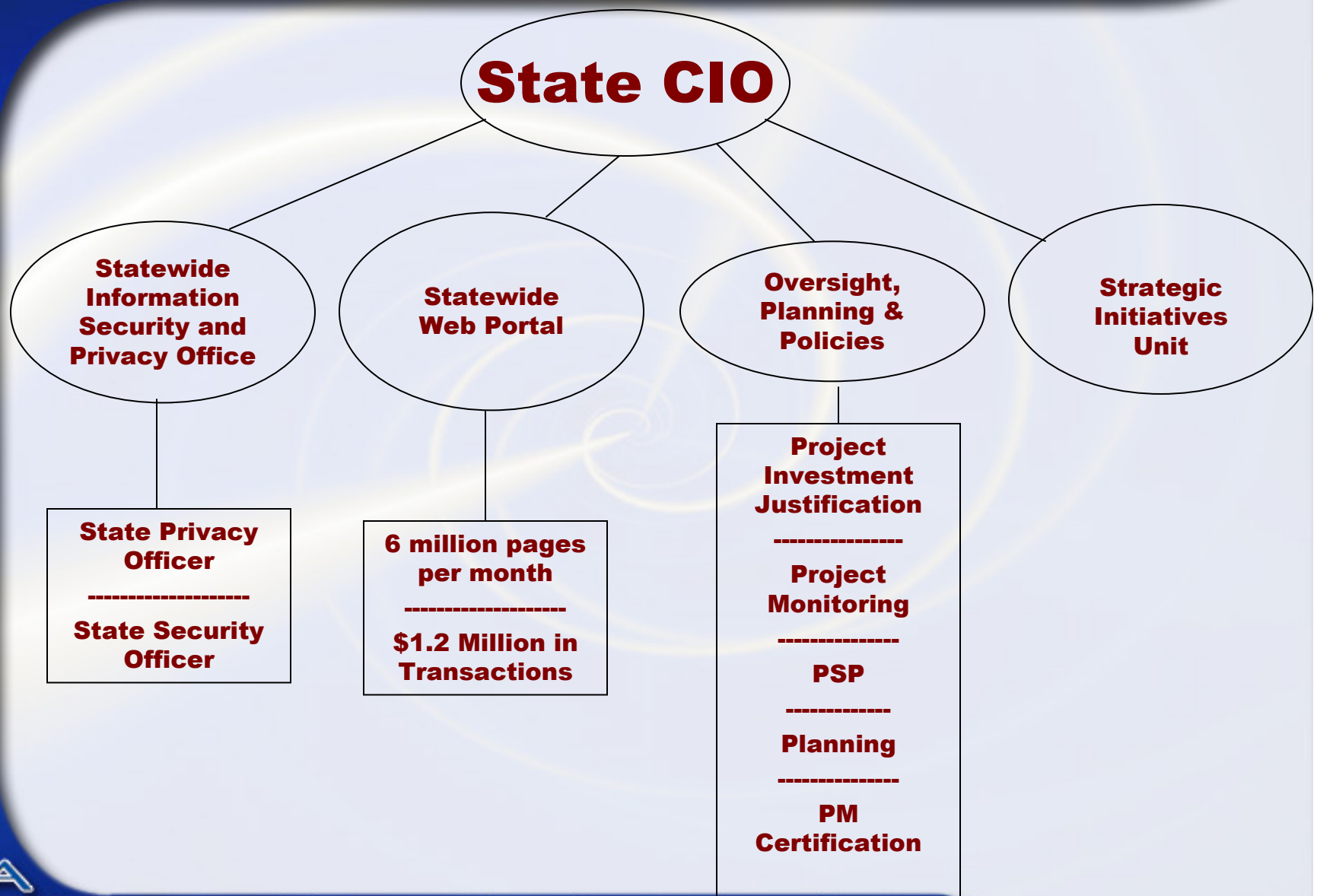
Government Information Technology Agency

# GITA's Key Objectives

- Oversee Information Technology (IT) Projects
- Increase State Agency Efficiency
- Promote IT Strategic Planning
- Foster Enterprise-wide Technology Solutions
- Improve IT Security and Privacy Protection
- Enhance Citizen & Business Access to Government
- Advance Strategic Initiatives



# GITA Key Areas of Focus





# GITA Strategic Initiatives Unit

## Strategic Initiatives Include:

- Public Safety Interoperable Communications
- Arizona 2-1-1 & AZ Emergency Bulletin System
- AZ3D - Statewide Geospatial Visualization Tool  
- Emergency Mgmt & Homeland Security
- Emergency Preparedness Oversight Council (EPOC) Member
- Vulnerable Populations Emergency Planning Workgroup
- Arizona's E-Health Initiative
- Business One Stop, Google Partnership, Homeless Coalition, Children's Cabinet, etc.



# PSIC Management

- The SIU is managed by Lisa Dee Meyerson, Strategic Initiatives Unit Chief.
- Ms. Meyerson has over 25 years of project management experience.
- She has worked at GITA for 11 years.
- Lisa specializes in working with diverse constituencies to successfully implement strategic initiatives for Arizona.



# New PSIC Staff

- Three new PSIC employees have been hired (reporting to Ms. Meyerson)
  - Michael Todd, PSIC Outreach Manager
    - Over 15 years in public safety outreach for Rural Metro, Native Air and Life Net. Former Firefighter.
    - Responsible for interface and outreach to all first responder constituencies throughout Arizona. Will be on the road statewide a good part of his time.
  - Ron Sober, PSIC Oversight Manager
    - Over 30 years in information technology.
    - First responder experience as EMT and Firefighter.
    - Responsible for oversight of statewide and regional interoperability projects.
  - Regina Bernal, PSIC Support Specialist
    - Over 10 years of administration experience with State.
    - Responsible for all support of PSIC/PSCC/SIEC, including setting up meetings, preparing minutes, supporting PSIC staff, maintaining a database of interested parties, etc.

# Federal Interactions During Transition

## During transition, GITA:

- Issued for comment, extensively revised and submitted Arizona SCIP Implementation Report to U.S. Dept. of Homeland Security
- Requested SCIP Implementation Workshop
- Identified, obtained feedback on and requested from OEC technical assistance to support our strategic initiatives
- Participated in multi-state call to action with OEC
- Responded to inquiries from AZDOHS in regard to federal funding and project status for multiple related projects
- Coordinated with AZDEMA to support funding approval and deployment plans for the STR



# Federal Interactions In Process / Planned

- Governance Academy (application)
- Technical Assistance Request (pending)
- December National Meeting (Fla - tbd)
- SCIP Implementation Workshop
  - Scheduled: January 28, 2009 – 10 AM – 4 PM
  - Will replace first quarter's PSCC/SIEC meeting
  - Offered at no charge by Federal Office of Emergency Communications (OEC)
  - Goal is to discuss implementing the SCIP and aligning SCIP initiatives with National Emergency Communications Plan (NECP)



# Plans - Sept to Dec 2008

- Hire 2 more Staff
- Meet with all key stakeholders
- Outreach to those who have traditionally not been actively involved
- Facilitate dialogue regarding critical issues
- Identify Opportunities for Collaboration
- Prepare for Next Round of Homeland Security Grant Funding
- Respond to requests from Federal Government
- Develop Plans for Next Calendar Year



## Plans - Sept to Dec 2008 *(cont.)*

- Update the SCIP
  - Align goals with initiatives
  - Clean-up key definitions
  - Provide updates regarding projects that are underway
  - Perform structural changes to make document more actionable (such as moving lengthy background materials to addenda)
- Commence Development of Tactical Plans for Key SCIP Initiatives

# Upcoming Stakeholder Dialogue

## Interoperable Communications Stakeholder Working Session

- November 20, 2008 10 AM – 4 PM
- ADOT, 1130 N. 22nd Avenue, Phoenix
- Who should attend?
  - PSCC / SIEC Members
  - Technical and Operational Staff
  - Interested Parties from First Responder Community statewide
- Discussion of critical issues to advance interoperability in Arizona



# Nov 20<sup>th</sup> Possible Discussion Topics

- Interoperability vs. Operability – Whose on First?
  - AZ Conceptual Design Draft Document
- SCIP Alphabet Soup – overlay, system of systems – let's agree on some definitions
- What is working re: Interoperability in Arizona?
  - How do we build on what is working?
  - What is the impact of current economic times?
- What are our opportunities and potential next steps?
- How do we advance the governance discussion?
- Other????

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